



## GAME NOTES

Victoria Grizzlies  
at  
Wenatchee Wild

Saturday January 7, 2017



The Victoria Grizzlies (25-7-3-4, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Island Div.) make their only stop of the year in Wenatchee (29-6-4-0, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Mainland Div.) tonight.

**HEAD TO HEAD:** This is the fourth meeting all-time between the two franchises. Wenatchee won both matchups in the 2015-16 season, and four weeks ago, defeated the Grizzlies 3-1 at the Q Centre.

**STREAKING:** Wenatchee's Brendan Harris and Victoria's Tyler Welsh each enter tonight's game riding a seven-game scoring streak, with at least a point in each outing.

**KILLER SPECIAL TEAMS:** Wenatchee has scored more power play goals (56) than any other team, and has allowed the least number of power play goals against (22). The Wild have the #2 ranked power play and #2 ranked penalty kill by percentage. Victoria's penalty kill unit ranks #1, though their power play sits at #14. Both teams have shown a knack for scoring shorthanded, Wenatchee with 13 and Victoria with 11.

**WHO TO WATCH FOR:** **Brendan Harris** continues to lead both the Wild and the BCHL with 71 points (16g, 55a), while **Charlie Combs** is second in overall points (60) and leads the BCHL with 38 goals. **Alex Bates** leads Wenatchee defense with 29 points (2g, 27a). For Victoria, Cole Pickup (18g, 31a) leads the attack with Tyler Welsh (19g, 21a) adding support, while defenseman Jake Stevens (5g, 34a) is second among BCHL blueliners.

**MAGIC NUMBER:** The Magic Number for the Wild to mathematically clinch their postseason berth is down to 6, following Surrey's 5-2 defeat in Coquitlam last night. Any combination of points earned by the Wild or lost by the fifth-place team (Surrey) that hits the "magic number" secures a playoff spot. Looking further ahead, the Wild's Magic Number is 19 to secure home ice in first round, and 31 to clinch a Mainland Division title.

**HOME COOKIN':** Despite last weekend's overtime losses, the Wild have been very successful at home this season, posting a record of 16-0-2, and owning a 25-game point streak dating back to last season. This year, the Wild have outscored opponents by a total of 105-34 in games at Town Toyota Center.

**MOVING ON:** Next week the Wild have Alberni Valley in town on Friday, and Cowichan Valley on Saturday. The Grizzlies play tomorrow afternoon in Surrey, then welcome Nanaimo at home Thursday and Powell River on Saturday and Sunday.

**MEDIA:** Tonight's game and all Wild games are aired on Sunny FM (93.9 FM), and available on a pay-per-view basis with HockeyTV.com. Pregame show airs at 6:45 pm.

**PROMOTIONS:** Tonight is Guns N Hoses Night, as we honor our police, firefighters, and first responders.